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School of Business Administration
Department of Accounting and Finance

Course: Fin 429: Financial Management I

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Semester: Fall 2003

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Text Books:

E.F. Brigham, and P.R. Daves, Intermediate Financial Management, 8th Edition, South-Western 2003. (Required)

Wall Street Journal & BusinessWeek (Both are strongly recommended and highly encouraged)

Course Objective:

This course is typically the first part of a two part senior level course in Financial Management. This course examines theory and techniques of Corporate Financial Management. In this first course we will concentrate on Financial Analysis, Long and Short Term Financial Planning, and Capital Budgeting. This course is heavily case and technology oriented. Students will be required to develop spreadsheet models and use these spreadsheet models in analyzing several cases and assigned problems.

There are two parts to solving almost any financial management problem. First is the analysis. By developing comfort with spreadsheet modeling, students will be able to analyze data more efficiently and effectively. Second, and more important, are the interpretation, conclusions and recommendations that come from our analysis. By increasing proficiency in analyzing data, students will be able to spend more time developing their conclusions and recommendations

Exams, Spreadsheets, and Cases:

Exams (3)	50%	(Best exam is 20%; other 2 are each 15%.)
Spreadsheet Assignments (4)	24%	(Each worth 6%)
Cases (2)	26%	(Each worth 13%)

Exams

Exam format will consist of multiple choice, short-answer questions and problems. Exam questions will be closely related to assigned problems, case work and spreadsheet assignments.

Spreadsheet problems:

There will be 4 spreadsheet homework assignments. Each spreadsheet problem will be an individual assignment. You are encouraged to work together to solve the problems. These problems will require you to develop models to analyze different financial problems.

Cases:

We will complete 2 case studies during the semester. Each case will involve several questions. Cases are individual assignments, however like the spreadsheet problems you may work together to complete the assignment. All work turned in must be your own.

Assigned Problems

These are questions and problems from the text that I think you should be able to complete for test purposes. Assigned problems will be collected the next class period after they are discussed in class and will factor into any curve given on the next exam.

Collected Assignments:

All answers must be typed!!! Handwritten responses will not be accepted. Answers must be well organized. I reserve the right to reject any assignments that are disorganized or sloppy. Staple pages together (Do not fold, use paperclips or tear corners).

One of the most important skills you can gain is the ability to write accurate and well-organized reports or responses. In business, sloppiness will not be tolerated. I will deduct up to 25% for disorganized and sloppy responses.

Assignments are due in class (YOUR SECTION). Any assignment not turned into me in the appropriate class period will be penalized 10% and 10% for each additional day it is late. Assignments more than 3 days late will not be accepted!!

Any assignments turned in under my door, (unless received by me before Section 1 meets, 8:10 AM) will be counted as late.

Attendance:

I can not overstate the importance of regular attendance. If you feel that you will not be able to attend class regularly, then this is not the course for you. Even though I post the notes on the web, you will still need to be in class to learn the material. While I will not take attendance on a regular basis, I will occasionally take attendance to see who is in class. I will also use this record of attendance to compute how much of the final curve at the end of the semester you will receive along with any curve on each exam.

For example, say the curve at the end of the semester is 1.6 points and I took attendance 4 four times during the semester. If you signed the attendance roll four times you would get 1.6 points added on to your final average. If you were here only twice when I took attendance you would get $(2/4)*1.6 = 0.8$ points added to your final grade. I reserve the right to take attendance as often as I choose and the final curve if any, is solely at my discretion.

Classroom Philosophy:

My Role: My role will be to act as a facilitator. I will provide opportunity, structure and direction to facilitate your learning of fundamental concepts centered on the concepts of financial management. I will also provide you opportunities to begin developing skills and experience useful to a teamwork approach utilized in many of today's corporations.

Your Role: Your role is to engage in active learning, both individually and in teams. You will learn and apply important financial concepts while you gain experience working collaboratively with others in a team environment. Your success in this class, as in life, will depend on both your effort and performance.

Miscellaneous: Students frequently regard this course and finance courses in general as some of the most difficult ones in the business curriculum. There are several tips that I can offer to not only help you pass this course but to learn something along the way. **First, come to class---** there is a very strong relationship between attendance and grades. **Second,** read the chapters and prepare answers to the assigned problems **before** coming to class. **Third,** it is impossible to make sure every individual understands each concept. If you are struggling with a concept, please come see me

outside of class. Please, **do not wait** to see me until just before, or worse, just after an exam. At this point it is too late to do much if any good. Finally there are no dumb questions, so feel free to ask for clarification. I maintain an open door policy and am willing to meet with you nearly anytime that I do not already have a commitment

A Final Thought:

Over 2400 years ago Confucius said:

What I **hear**, I forget.

What I **see**, I remember.

What I **do**. I understand.

A wise and humble professor of mine at FSU modified Confucius' statement to be more relevant in today's classroom environment:

What I **hear**, I forget.

What I **hear and see**, I remember a little.

When I **hear, see, and ask questions about or discuss** with someone else, I begin to understand.

When I **hear, see, discuss, and do**, I acquire knowledge and skill.

When I **teach to another** I master.

Our goal is to learn. Let us all remain cognizant of how the process really works.

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Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 4th Fall Student Employment Job Fair
EARN while you LEARN - On and Off Campus Employers
UC Ballroom • 10 am - 3 pm

Thursday, September 4th Ask-an-Alum Career Leadership Luncheon
Join us and...hear how important it is to be involved on campus or in the community; how skills gained from student employment positions, extra-curricular activities, internships, & volunteer opportunities are applicable to professional lives after graduation; meet & network with local alumni.
UC Room 330-331 • noon - 1 pm

September 22nd - 25th Career Services Workshop Series
Gain useful knowledge & skills regarding: resumes & cover letters, job search strategies and interviewing.
Lommasson Center 154 • 4:30 pm - 6 pm

Wednesday, October 1st 15th Annual Big Sky Career Fair
Meet & talk to recruiters from local, regional and national companies. Explore full-time employment and internship opportunities.
UC 3rd Floor • 9 am - 3 pm

The following course schedule is an outline that we will follow throughout the semester. It is subject to change and you should not assume that it is written in stone!

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Week	Date	Day	Topic	Book B&D	Assignment	Spreadsheet problems																																																																
1	02-Sep-03	Tuesday	Introduction - Course Outline Risk and Return	Chap. 1	Chap. 1 Q: 1, 3, 4, & 5 Chap. 2 Q: 2,3,4, & 6 P:1-13 & 15																																																																	
	04-Sep-03	Thursday		Chap. 2			2	09-Sep-03	Tuesday	Risk and Return (cont) Bond Valuation	Chap. 2	Chap. 4 P 1-13, 15-18	Problem 2-17 assigned	11-Sep-03	Thursday	Chap. 4	3	16-Sep-03	Tuesday	Bond Valuation (cont) Stock Valuation	Chap. 4	Chap. 5 P 1-16, 18, & 20	Problem 2-17 due Problem 5-22 assigned	18-Sep-03	Thursday	Chap. 5	4	23-Sep-03	Tuesday	Stock Valuation (cont) Acct'g for Financial Management	Chap. 5	Chap. 6 P 1-3, 5-12, 14, 15, & 18		25-Sep-03	Thursday	Chap. 6	5	30-Sep-03	Tuesday	Review/catch-up Exam 1	Chaps. 1, 2, 4, & 5		Problem 5-22 due	02-Oct-03	Thursday	6	07-Oct-03	Tuesday	Acct'g for Financial Management No Class	Chap. 6			09-Oct-03	Thursday	7	14-Oct-03	Tuesday	Analysis of Financial Statements (cont) Analysis of Financial Statements	Chap. 7	Chap 7 P 1-12(a & b only)	Problem 7-17 assigned	16-Oct-03	Thursday	8	21-Oct-03	Tuesday	Financial Planning & Forecasting Financial Statements Financial Planning & Forecasting Financial Statements (cont)	Chap. 8	Chap 8 P 1-4, 7 & 9	
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9	28-Oct-03	Tuesday	Cost of Capital	Chap. 9	Chap 9 P 1-13, & 16	Problem 9-18 assigned	
	30-Oct-03	Thursday	Cost of Capital (cont)	Chap. 9			
10	04-Nov-03	Tuesday	Cost of Capital (cont)				
	06-Nov-03	Thursday	Review/Catchup				
11	11-Nov-03	Tuesday	No Class		Vet's Day	Problem 9-18 due	Case 1 passed out
	13-Nov-03	Thursday	Exam 2	Chaps. 6-9			
12	18-Nov-03	Tuesday	Capital Budgeting	Chap. 11	Chap 11 P 1-6, 8, 11(a-c only), 16, & 18		
	20-Nov-03	Thursday	Capital Budgeting	Chap. 11			
13	25-Nov-03	Tuesday	Capital Budgeting	Chap. 11		Case 1 due	Case 2 passed out
	27-Nov-03	Thursday	Thanksgiving - No Class				
14	02-Dec-03	Tuesday	Capital Budgeting (cont)	Chap. 11	Chap 12 P 1-9		
	04-Dec-03	Thursday	Estimating Cash Flows	Chap. 12			
15	09-Dec-03	Tuesday	Estimating Cash Flows (cont)	Chap. 12		Case 2 due	
	11-Dec-02	Thursday	Review/catch-up				
16	17-Dec-02	Tuesday	Final Section 01, 10:10 - 12:10	Chaps. 11-12			
	19-Dec-02	Thursday	Final Section 02, 3:20 - 5:20	Chaps. 11-12			